VISHAVAIDYA TRAINING CLASS, TRIPPUNITTURA—STOPPING OF

28. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the Vishavaidya Training Class at Trippunittura started;

(*b*) the number of persons so far trained in the above class;

(*c*) the number of persons supplied with medicines for treatment of poison cases and the total expenses incurred by the Government every year for that purpose;

(*d*) have the Government any idea of stopping the system in the near future:

(*e*) are Panchayat Vaidyans, drawing a monthly salary selected to undergo Vishavaidya training; and if so, are they given their salary, during the period of their course?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The Vishavaidya training class at Trippunittura was started in 1108 M.E.

(*b*) 120 candidates have been trained up to the end of 1114. Besides, 39 candidates have been selected to undergo Vishavaidya training during this year.

(*c*) 61 trained Vishavaidyans are now supplied with medicines. The expenditure under this item varies, as the number of trained Vaidyans supplied with medicines increases every year. During the current year the expenditure till now has come to about Rs. 520.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes; ordinarily two Vaidyans are selected to undergo Vishavaidya training every year. They are not given their salary during the training period.

VYTTILA-KANIAMPUZHA ROAD—WIDENING OF

29. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the Vyttila-Kaniampuzha road last repaired;

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